

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE**

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

The Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) announces a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for a grant opportunity with funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 to fund worker bonuses through disbursements to HCBS providers for incentive bonuses for vaccination and/or booster shots against the coronavirus to all employed health care workers who provide Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS). The Director of DHCF has authority to issue grants under the Department of Health Care Finance Establishment Act of 2007, effective February 27, 2008 (D.C. Law 17-109; D.C. Official Code 7-771.05(4) (2012 Repl.).

A Request for Applications (RFA) for the below opportunity will be released under a separate announcement with guidelines for submitting the application, review criteria, and DHCF terms and conditions for applying for and receiving funding. The performance period for vaccinations and/or booster shots under this grant is December 1, 2020 to September 30, 2022. Providers are required to pay bonuses to workers no later than December 31, 2022.

Description of Opportunity:

Direct Care Worker Vaccine Incentive Initiative: The total amount of funds available across the time period of the Direct Care Worker Vaccine Incentive Initiative is up to two million, eight hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$2,860,000.00). DHCF will award as many grants as applicants who qualify in the amount of no more than \$2,860,000.00 total across all applicants and all years.

The grant will be awarded to qualifying Medicaid enrolled HCBS providers and will fund the providers for the monetary value of payments or other incentives given or that will be given to eligible employed health care workers who provide Medicaid services at HCBS agencies who received the vaccine and/or booster shot against the coronavirus during the performance period. The provider may receive a maximum of \$120 for each eligible patient-facing staff members at Medicaid HCBS agencies who received or will receive incentives for vaccination and/or boosters. The eligible workers must still be employed at your agency as of the date the complete grant application package is received by DHCF.

Providers must be able to demonstrate costs or planned expenditures up to the maximum amount for the vaccine and/or booster to qualify for the full award. In the event an eligible employed health care worker who provides HCBS (with an assigned NPI or otherwise identified) is employed or was employed by multiple provider agencies that are applying for bonus funds, the District will assign the eligible employee to a single agency based on hours worked over the months or years in question or based on the date the first complete application is received by DHCF.

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants must have the authority to enter into an agreement with DHCF and be in compliance with applicable District of Columbia laws and regulations. Applicants must be an organization enrolled with the District of Columbia Medicaid Program to provide Medicaid HCBS. Applicants must employ health care workers to provide Medicaid HCBS to District Medicaid beneficiaries and have given incentives to health care workers for the vaccination and/or booster shot against the coronavirus. All applicants must also be registered organizations in good standing with the DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), Corporation Division, the Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR), the Department of Employment Services (DOES), and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and demonstrate Clean Hands certification at the time of application.

A RFA will be released on or around Friday, October 14th, 2022. The application package will be available online at the DHCF website (<https://dhcf.dc.gov/page/dhcf-grant-opportunities>).

DHCF will hold a pre-proposal conference on Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 3:30 PM Eastern Time via [Webex](#). Applicants must provide an email address to DHCF to receive notification of amendments or clarifications to the RFA.

Completed applications must be received on or before 4:00 pm on Wednesday, November 2nd, 2022 to DHCF c/o taylor.woods2@dc.gov. Applicants will receive an email receipt notification to verify that their application has been received. No applications will be accepted after the submission deadline. All eligible applications will be reviewed through a competitive process.

For additional information regarding this NOFA, please contact Taylor Woods, Special Projects Officer, Health Care Policy and Research Administration at taylor.woods2@dc.gov or at 202-442-9048.